

As a result of the devastating flood in the country of Sri Lanka, the Consul General of Sri Lanka, the Honorable Pradeep Gunawardana, reports that over 200 Sri Lankans are confirmed dead, almost 400 are missing, feared drowned or buried in the landslides, and over 500,000 Sri Lankans have lost their homes and possessions.

We have confirmed that the U.S. government, through the Department of State, has provided some financial aid to Sri Lanka, and additional humanitarian aid from the Department of State, the Department of Defense and the Office of Disaster Relief is anticipated. American teams arrived in Sri Lanka on Friday, May 23rd, to assess the immediate needs of Sri Lanka and her people.

However, because the needs of the flood victims are staggering, Consul General Gunawardana has asked this Board to convey to the residents and employees of Los Angeles County a plea for assistance and asks for monetary donations to aid the desperate flood victims of his country. Contributions may be sent to the Consulate General of Sri Lanka, 6006 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90036, or deposited in the account of the Consulate -- Bank of America No. 0311 5 06388. Consular officers and staff of the Consulate General of Sri Lanka can be reached by telephone at (323) 634-0479, or by fax (323) 634-1095.

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This Board, on behalf of the people we serve, expresses its heartfelt compassion for all those who have suffered and are suffering as a result of the devastating floods. On a voluntary basis, I ask County residents and employees to consider making monetary donations to those victims, through the Consulate General of Sri Lanka.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) of Government Code Section 54954.2, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and
2. Encourage County residents and employees to consider making, on a strictly voluntary basis, financial contributions to aid the desperate flood victims in Sri Lanka.